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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing Applicants' Response to Office Action. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

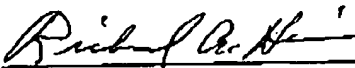
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